

RUSSIA FEELS
ITSELF SAFE

From Further German Invasion Because of Lateness of Season

ALTHOUGH LOCAL
ATTACKS MAY COME

But Already German Success Is Counted as a Great Advantage

The German operations in and around the Gulf of Riga which have centered attention upon the northern Russian front for several days are not likely to be extended this fall to the Gulf of Finland on the route to Petrograd, according to the opinion of Russian naval authorities. The lateness of the season will have the effect of localizing the German effort, the minister of marine believes.

The situation created by the Teutonic move, however, is serious enough. With the great preponderance of Germans in the Baltic there seems to be little to prevent them making the Gulf of Riga a virtual German lake, from which military operations, as well as naval, could easily be pushed.

The military situation on the various fronts in the western areas was virtually unchanged overnight.

German Movement Gains Head.

Petrograd, Oct. 16.—The German landing force on the Russian island of Cesel is developing its success, the Russian war office announced to-day, and the Teutons are being reinforced with additional troops. The Germans have instituted an offensive against the Svon peninsula in the southwestern section of the island with the object of capturing Russian batteries located at Serfel. These batteries cover the entrance to the Gulf of Riga.

FIRST BILLION REACHED

But More Must Follow, Say Treasury Officials.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Treasury officials declared to-day that unless all signs fail the Liberty loan will have reached its first billion dollars in subscriptions by to-night. The government's latest offering of certificates of indebtedness, amounting to three hundred million at 4 per cent, has been heavily oversubscribed.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—With the billion dollar mark in sight, treasury officials are inclined to believe that the remainder of the campaign will witness a tremendous acceleration in subscriptions and that two billions will be reached by the end of the week. Over a million and a half has been subscribed in Hawaii.

Boston, Oct. 16.—New England subscriptions to the Liberty loan had reached a total of \$77,737,000 to-day, of which \$2,913,000 is from Vermont.

ONE AMERICAN KILLED.

By Shell Fire from German Submarine; Others Also Lost.

London, Oct. 16.—One American was killed and a second seriously wounded by shellfire from a German submarine against their boats as they were leaving a torpedoed steamer, it was announced yesterday.

The American killed was James Fringer. Frank Donoghue was wounded. Ten other Americans, like Fringer and Donoghue members of the crew of the steamer, escaped.

Two Englishmen, members of the submarine's crew, were also killed by the submarine's gunfire, directed with apparently deliberate intent on the lifeboats. Eight persons in the boats were seriously wounded.

The name of the ship that was torpedoed was not announced.

GRAVE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED

At American and British Naval Congress—Daniels Reticent.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—American naval co-operation with the allies was further discussed at a conference to-day between Ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, Commodore Gaunt, the British naval attaché, Secretary Daniels and Admiral Benson, chief of operations. The only announcement Secretary Daniels has made regarding the conferences thus far is that they concern very grave subjects.

ENGLAND TO SAVE ON WHEAT.

So the Government Is Advised To-day.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Under the new war rationing regulations, England has advised this government that it has begun the task of reducing wheat consumption for the forthcoming year to less than half the normal consumption before the war began.

TWO TEUTON "SUBS" SUNK.

French Warship Was Successful in the Mediterranean.

Paris, Oct. 15.—A French warship destroyed two Teuton submarines in the western Mediterranean in the last week of September, according to information received by the minister of marine.

LA FOLLETTE WAS REFUSED.

His Request for Broad Scope of Investigation.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Chairman Pomeroy of the Senate committee investigating Senator La Follette's St. Paul speech, yesterday refused La Follette's request that the inquiry virtually be broadened to acquit or convict him of disloyalty, and held that the investigation could only concern the much discussed speech and the accuracy of its statements.

DUTCH DANCER SPY
EXECUTED BY FRENCH

Mata Hari Shot at Dawn After Verdict By Court Martial.

Paris, Oct. 16.—Mata Hari, the Dutch dancer and adventurer, who two months ago was found guilty by a court martial on the charge of espionage, was shot at dawn yesterday morning.

Mlle. Mata Hari was, according to unofficial press dispatches, accused of conveying to the Germans the secrets of the construction of the entente "tank," this resulting in the enemy rushing work on a special gas to combat their operations. She was said to have left Paris last spring and to have spent some time in the English town where the first "tanks" were being made, afterwards travelling back and forth between England and Holland and later going to Spain, where she aroused suspicion by associating with a man whom the French secret service long suspected. When she reappeared in Paris she was arrested, a contributing circumstance, it appears, being the fact that she was seen there with a young British officer attached to the "tank" service. Her conviction was affirmed by a revision court and on Sept. 28 the supreme court confirmed the previous findings.

Mata Hari, or to give her full name, Marguerite Zelle Mati Hara, had been a conspicuous figure on the stage in Paris and other European cities, where she is said to have captivated men in high places. She was not beautiful, but magnetic. Early in her career she was compelled to leave British India, where she had married a British officer, on account of the suspicious death of her son. She made her way to Holland and thence to Paris, where she quickly became part of the great night life of that city. She met many men, one of whom was a wealthy German, a high official of the Berlin government. He bought a house for her at Nicely-sur-Seine and furnished it in a style most truly representative of Oriental splendor. Tiring of her Teuton admirer, she hypnotized a high French official, who lavished wealth on her and set her up in a magnificent chateau in Touraine. Finally she returned to her former lover, with whom, it is believed, she was living when war broke out. She was a woman eminently qualified to act as a secret agent for Germany. As a Dutch subject she was at liberty to travel anywhere, and it seems certain that she had the facilities for obtaining information which would have been impossible for Germany to obtain elsewhere. Espionage was a life which appealed to her. Her greatest delight was in exercising her influence to control persons with whom she came in contact, and her influence was almost miraculous. Her constant companion was a German woman, her maid, whom she always called Anna.

ASKS MOBILIZATION
OF NATION'S GOLD

Secretary Lansing Says Consideration Is Being Given to the Question.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Secretary Lansing said yesterday that consideration was being given to the question of having the United States representatives at the coming Paris conference of the allies. He indicated that no definite conclusion had been reached. It is understood that the Russian situation will be a principal topic of discussion, although the question of dealing with the submarines in the Mediterranean probably will be considered. Efforts are being made to have all the powers at war with Germany represented.

STOP PUBLICATION
OF TROOP ARRIVAL

Government May Even Court Martial Officers Who Send Back the Information from Europe.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Aroused by the publication of some parts of the country of private cablegrams announcing the arrival of American troops in France, the war and navy departments have taken steps to prevent recurrence of the incident which may result in the court martial of the officers who sent the messages.

In one case a former National Guard officer wired his governor of the arrival of the state's troops, but so far as is known here newspapers in that locality observed no government's voluntary censorship request and did not print the cable.

In the other case, however, a former National Guard officer telegraphed the governor of his state of the arrival of his regiment with a request that it be given fullest publicity.

The governor's office gave out the cablegram and many papers in that state printed the news.

Yesterday morning other newspapers published the dispatch and added the number and designation of the regiment, all in violation of the voluntary censorship.

The war department has most urgently requested that nothing whatever be printed about arrivals of troops abroad, promising at the same time to report promptly any casualty.

Friends who know troops have sailed and hear nothing further may assume they have arrived safely.

T. R. REDUCING GIRTH

The Ex-President Is Thought to Be Preparing for Something.

New York, Oct. 16.—A curiosity beset man will learn some day late this week just how T. R. stands on the Fairbanks question.

No—not any problem or policy involving his old running mate, Charles Warren Fairbanks. Merely the scales bearing that distinguished name. In other words, the correct "info" will be handed out as to just what the colonel weighs.

He is at Jack Cooper's health farm, near Stamford, Conn., reducing his girth and is due to remain for a week or ten days more, engaged in that pastime. A reporter made the journey up there Sunday to try to get a line on the colonel's present poundage and activities, but the best he could learn was that T. R. was working hard and "gaining his point."

The genial Jack Cooper, an old "side-kick" of Kid McCoy's, and who has trained "kid windows" off John McCormack, the singer; William Ziegler, jr., and other citizens of note or wealth, said the colonel wasn't yet ready to present himself for inspection and interviewing, but is a "grand patient" and is "coming along fine."

About Wednesday or Thursday, Jack said, the colonel will receive his newspaper friends. At the same time there will be ready for publication some photographs showing T. R. and J. C. engaging in athletic maneuvers of one sort or another.

Jack's ethical sense would not permit him to describe just what course of treatment is being used to reduce the colonel's frontage and avoidoids; but Stamford gossip—taxi drivers and the like—have heard that the thud of the merry boxing glove occasionally resounds in the Cooper gym, and that T. R. isn't always on the receiving end of the punches.

THOUSANDS OF
CATTLE BURNED

Half of Kansas City, Mo., Stock Yards Destroyed

CAUSE OF FIRE
NOT DETERMINED

There Were 47,000 Cattle in the Yards, Say the Officials

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—More than one-half of the Kansas City stock yards, the second largest in the country, was destroyed by fire to-day. Several thousand head of cattle were destroyed, some reports placing the number as high as 10,000.

There were 47,000 cattle in the yard at the close of business yesterday, the officials of the yards said. Hundreds were liberated from the burning structures and roamed at will through the streets of the city. The cause of the fire and the monetary loss have not been determined.

MONTPELIER

The Houston Trust club, Inc., of Barre has filed articles of incorporation in the secretary's state office, with a capital stock of \$3,000, of 50 shares. The subscribers are Dr. J. W. Stewart, John O'Leary, A. C. Moore, J. F. Higgins and James Mackay of Barre and F. P. Houston of Northfield. They ask authority to manage a trout club.

The semi-annual payment of the taxes of the railroads and steamship companies in the state is being made. The payment was due Oct. 15 and therefore to-day's mail brought most of them to the state treasurer's office, while the remainder will arrive Wednesday. The railroads were prompt in the payment of their taxes. There are 50 companies that pay, under the statutes, a total of \$277,991.22. Of that sum the Barre & Chelsea railroad pays \$8,786, the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. \$1,312.50, the Central Vermont railroad \$82,500 and the Montpelier & Wells River railroad \$9,905.25.

Commissioner of Education M. B. Hillegas is in Lyndonville to-day with other prominent men of the state, their number including several newspaper editors. Mr. Hillegas invited the delegation to look over the work which is being done at the Vail school. Among the editors who are attending the meeting are H. L. Hindley of the Rutland Herald, W. J. Bigelow of the St. Johnsbury Caledonian, Wallace Gilpin of Barton and C. E. Walters of the St. Johnsbury Republican. L. N. Hayes of Essex Junction was also a member of the party.

Gov. H. F. Graham, accompanied by Major Harvey Goodell, his secretary of civil and military affairs, left last night for Springfield, Mass., where they are to attend the eastern states' dairy exhibition. Following the visitation there, Governor Graham will go to Boston to attend the meeting of the New England governors with the fuel administrators of the different states.

The appointment of Dr. J. P. Gifford of Randolph as a member of the local board of exemption in place of Dr. F. C. Angell of the same town has been received at the office of Gov. H. F. Graham. Dr. Angell recently resigned because of having accepted an appointment in the regular army. Dr. Gifford will sit with the board in the further work in Orange county. The appointment was made by President Wilson and like other appointments was upon the recommendation of Governor Graham.

Benjamin Bean, for many years a resident of Fayston, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dennis of Elm street, after an illness of four days of pneumonia. He was born in 1836 in St. Rmie, P. Q. He is survived by a daughter named above and a son, D. J. Bean of Ashburnham, Mass., and a brother and sister living in Quebec. He came to Fayston in early life, living there some 50 years. During his residence there Mrs. Bean died. The funeral takes place at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning in Moretown.

Capt. A. E. Williamson of the British Canadian recruiting mission, representing the British government, as a result of the courtesy of Provost Marshal Crowder of Washington, D. C., is looking over the records in the office of the federal district board for the purpose of getting information for his government relative to aliens who may be in this country, the purpose being to give the aliens who may be British subjects a chance to enlist under their own colors. He is gathering such information as may show the nativity of the registrants in Vermont, including the date of birth, parents and the length of time they have lived in the country. Captain Williamson has been in Massachusetts doing similar work in the local federal district board with a number of stenographers, most of whom were from the National Life Insurance company offices. Before those who have claimed exemption as aliens are forced into service of the country of their nativity they will be offered an opportunity for enlistment and each will be given a warning before any final action is taken in the matter.

AMERICA MAY JOIN
IN PARIS CONFERENCE

President Wilson Calls Upon All Non-Member State Banks and Trust Companies to "Contribute Their Share."

Washington, Oct. 16.—President Wilson last night sounded a call for the mobilization of all the nation's gold reserves under the supervision of the federal reserve board.

In a statement made public through the board, the president called upon all eligible non-member state banks and trust companies to join the federal reserve system without further delay that they may "contribute their share" to the consolidated gold reserves of the country and aid more effectively in "a vigorous prosecution and successful termination of the war."

Scores of such institutions have flocked to the system within the past three weeks, among them some of the largest trust companies of New York, Philadelphia and other cities. The movement to the federal reserve system has lacked only a final impelling force to assume the proportions of a landslide. Within less than three weeks, resources of such institutions in the system have risen from \$1,200,000,000 to more than \$2,800,000,000.

Liberty loan financing, the resultant activity in the money market the effect of the government's huge financial transactions upon the bond markets and the stock exchanges of the country have made it imperative, in the view of the administration, for the federal reserve board to control not a major fraction of the gold reserve of the country, but the entire amount.

The recent embargo on gold exports has made it highly desirable that this control be acquired as speedily as possible.

With the board in active, daily control of the country's huge store of gold, at present more than \$3,000,000,000, watching every avenue through which it may be lessened and vigilant in its supervision of the country's banking activities, officials believe that the financial position of the country may be rendered as nearly impregnable as human skill can make it.

At present the board controls the activities of institutions representing only one-half of the country's total banking resources. The latest report of the comptroller of the currency places at several million above 16 billion dollars the resources of the banks within the system. Since that report was issued, however, nearly \$1,500,000,000 in resources have been added through the acquisition of new members.

There are, however, between 8,000 and 9,000 eligible banks and trust companies with resources estimated at from 12 to 16 billion dollars, whose activities are entirely beyond the control of the federal government, being governed only by state laws. The president addressed himself to the institution, said the president, "have it in their power to add enormously to the resources of the federal reserve banks, thereby broadening and strengthening the foundation upon which our whole financial structure must rest. Permit me to urge that every bank officer and bank director owes a solemn obligation to the country which I am sure they wish to discharge. I, therefore, wish again to impress upon them my solemn convictions that they can best secure up to their duties and responsibilities through membership in the federal reserve system."

CENSOR OUTGOING MAIL.

Steps Being Taken to Keep Information from Enemy.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—A censorship of mails leaving this country is being planned. Under the president's proclamation, putting the enemy trading law into operation, George Creel is considering measures for stopping military information through letters.

Issuance of licenses to foreign language newspapers also is under way. At the first sign of disloyalty these organs will be curbed.

The president has under advisement appointment of a custodian of alien property, another feature of the new law. This official may transfer to himself any money, property or lien owned by an enemy.

Many Germans are expected in self-protection to place their property under the custodian's powers. He will retain title to it for the duration of the war. The enemy trading law further tightens the strings around Germany. By presidential proclamation the exports council becomes the war trade board, with Vance McCormick still chairman. A special committee will censor outgoing mail and radio and cable messages.

The law shuts down on trade with Germany or her allies, gives power to stop trading with countries openly aiding Germany and guards war patents.

WOMEN DON OVERALLS.

And Go to Work in a Rutland Railroad Paint Shop.

Rutland, Oct. 16.—The long persistent rumors that women are to work in the shops of the Rutland railroad to take the places of male labor, of which there is a shortage, became a reality yesterday when six women appeared at the paint shop and donned overalls. These women are to clean cars in preparation for painting. The small force is said to be an experiment and there is a possibility that women will be employed in various departments where the positions have always been filled by men, many applications having been received.

The regulation one-piece overall, extending to the shoe top, is being worn by the car cleaners who began their duties yesterday. A room has been set aside for the women to use in changing their street garments for working clothes on reaching the shop.

GOVERNORS BREAK BREAD

As Guests at the Exposition at Springfield, Mass.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 16.—Governors McCauley of Massachusetts, Graham of Vermont and Miliken of Maine to-day were guests at dinner of the Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial exposition. Previously Governor McCauley visited Westfield, where many New England guardsmen are encamped, and made a speech urging them to buy Liberty bonds.

MOTORMAN
ACQUITTED

Gerald Walsh Not Held Accountable for 45 Deaths

WHEN CAR PLUNGED INTO OPEN DRA

He Was Charged with Reckless Operation and Failure to Heed the Signals

Boston, Oct. 16.—A verdict of not guilty was returned to-day in the trial of Gerald Walsh, the motorman on the Boston Elevated railway street car which plunged through an open drawbridge into the Port Point channel on the night of presidential election last November, killing 45 passengers. Walsh was charged with manslaughter by the reckless operation of the car and by failing to heed the signals, the trial being based on a fourth of the deaths.

The chief point of the defense was that the signals were not properly set against the car and that the car light directly over the draw was not burning. The testimony on this point was conflicting.

SHERIFF HAD
ODD QUARTET

Men Who Have Been Making Headquarters in Montpelier, Taken Into Custody.

Sheriff F. H. Tracy and Deputy Sheriff H. C. Lawson arrested four men as suspicious characters about 6 o'clock Monday evening while they were working on their automobile near the parish house on State street, Montpelier. The men gave the names of John Kovalski, aged 18, of Lawrence, Mass.; Steve Robackski, aged 17, of Salem, Mass.; John Cuchie, aged 17, native of Austria, a resident of Boston, and Martin Gillespie, aged 18, of Salem, Mass. However, these were not the names the men gave when the fire occurred in the Hazen block last week. At that time two of them gave more common names. They will be held in jail pending an investigation by the authorities relative to where they have been in the last few weeks and what explanation they have for four revolvers, a quantity of cartridges, two search lights and a razor found in their room when it was searched after their arrest.

The quartet have caused Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Goodwin, who have charge of the rooming house, no end of worry because of their peculiar actions and the fact that they almost never left their room together, one of their number remaining in the room even when she made the bed. But one day last week she caught them all out and did the work and she saw a bureau drawer open and got a look at a revolver. Then she investigated farther and found other guns. She reported the matter to the officers, who have been watching the fellows.

The men came to Montpelier about two weeks ago, first rooming in the Hazen block. They have bought of Leslie Morgan, since arriving, an automobile, paying \$50 towards it. They took the machine to the Capital garage, where \$100 worth of repairs was made, upon which \$35 has been paid. The men always claimed to be without means and that they were looking for work but they have bought clothing since they last made the claim of not having money.

FUNERAL OF VETERAN HELD

Delegation of G. A. R. Post Attended the Service for B. F. Robinson.

The funeral of B. F. Robinson, a veteran of the Civil war, whose death Friday followed a week's illness, was held in the Heddington Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. B. G. Lipsky, officiating. The attendance included a delegation from R. B. Randall post, G. A. R., and a number of the deceased's fellow townsmen in Williamstown. Those who acted as bearers were: Arthur W. Robinson, a son, Charles Robinson, William Robinson and Edward Webster, grandsons of Mr. Robinson. There were several fine floral tributes. Interment was made in Elmwood cemetery.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Fred Owen and family of South Barre spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lord of East Barre. Miss Ella Williams returned yesterday to her home on Brooklyn street, after having made a stay of several months with relatives in Moncton, Me., and Montreal.

Harry Thompson, who has been spending the past few weeks at his home on Hill street, left yesterday for Springfield, Mass., where he expects to secure employment.

Clarence Erickson returned this morning to Bridgeport, Conn., where he is employed, after having spent a vacation of three weeks at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erickson, of Nichols street.

Henry Vanetti of Beckley street, a member of the graduating class of Spaulding high school last June, commenced his duties in the George Straiton granite office on South Main street yesterday morning.

Among the guests arriving at Hotel Barre last night and this morning were the following people: T. M. Dean of Harlan, Ia.; William J. Quebec of Rutland, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rust of Keene, N. H.; R. H. Tabor of Wallingford, J. M. Carroll of Burlington, C. H. Allen of Richmond, H. J. McAuliffe and P. E. McAuliffe of Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Cady and chauffeur of New York, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Taylor, Miss Betty Taylor, Lawrence Taylor of New York, T. S. Taylor of New York, Dr. and Mrs. Casten of Newport, Miss Barnes of Newport, W. Cass of Richmond, W. L. Stevens of Concord, M. P. Henning of Richmond, Va.; J. S. Sanford of Tilton, N. H.; T. H. Garvey of Burlington, F. A. Thurber of Hartford, Clayton T. Waite of Concord, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hayden of Boston.

GIVES MONEY
FOR DENTAL WORK

Miss Emily Proctor and Redfield Proctor Donate \$5,000 Each to Engage State Dentist to Work in Schools.

Because of the benevolent turn of mind of Miss Emily Proctor and her brother, Senator Redfield Proctor, the children of the rural schools of Vermont are to have better care of their teeth, with the \$5,000 given by each of the above named persons, a dentist of no small reputation in that line has been engaged for the service and will commence his work about Nov. 1 in southern Vermont, slowly working north. For the present, at least, he will keep busy in the rural schools.

"The need of a traveling dentist in school work has been felt for a long time," said M. B. Hillegas, commissioner of education, Monday afternoon when seen by the reporter. "There are but 100 dentists in the state and it is safe to say that they can not care for all of the children's teeth with their other work." Investigation has shown the need of the dentist in those communities where there is no one to look after the work and even in the larger centers, namely several of the cities in the state, the children's teeth are sadly in need of care. England for some years has supported at the expense of the government, a traveling dentist." Early last spring Miss Emily Proctor heard of the need for the children. The project appealed to her, with the result that she gave \$5,000 for the work and since that time Redfield Proctor, her brother, has contributed a like amount. The matter was taken under consideration by the state boards of health and education and upon the approval of both of these it was presented by Mr. Hillegas at the May meeting of the dentists in Burlington, securing their approval. It was referred to a committee, of which Dr. P. M. Williams of Rutland was chairman. The committee did some hard work and last week made their report to the boards of health and education.

The plan was approved and a dentist who has been experienced in the care of children's teeth has been engaged. In doing his work he will not come into competition with the dentists nor with the physicians who for the most part are doing the dental work in the rural communities. He will have to secure consent of the parents before any dental work can be done and he will not be allowed to do any extracting without the written approval of the parents. It is expected that the most of the work done by him will be on Saturdays and when schools are not in session. He will clean the teeth and do minor work for the improvement of the teeth. His efforts will be largely on children between the years of six and 12, the time most critical in the development of the child. The dentist will receive no compensation from the schools or parents, his imbursement coming from the above named fund.

As far as can be learned Vermont is the first state in the country to take up anything of this nature and the plan has approval of the educational committee of the American Medical association and the National Educational association.

DIED OF PNEUMONIA

Antonio Cavanna Leaves Wife and Three Daughters.

Antonio Cavanna, a Barre granite cutter, passed away at his home in the Northern Monday afternoon at 5:10 o'clock. He was stricken with pneumonia a fortnight ago and while for a time he seemed to be combatting the disease successfully, latterly his condition declined steadily. Mr. Cavanna is survived by his wife, who was Miss Jennie Calverio of Barre and to whom he was married in this city in 1905; and by three daughters, Olga, Irma and Edna. Cavanna was a brother, John Cavanna, lives in Italy.

The deceased was born in Italy 38 years ago and came to America as a boy. He had been a resident of Barre for the past 22 years and was well known among the younger generation of the Italian colony. From the time he learned his trade as a granite cutter he was in the employ of William Cole & Sons.

Funeral services will be held at the house Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment is to be made in Hope cemetery.

THE LIBERTY LOAN

F. G. Howland to Talk at Movie Theatres Wednesday.

You, through your government, are waging a war to make the world safe for democracy. Democracy means a world safe for life and liberty, and safe for business.

You have sent and are sending soldiers to fight your battles for you. In order to win the war your soldiers must be supplied with the things necessary to win and it takes money to buy those things.

You call the fellow a "slacker" who shrinks from his duty as a soldier. Isn't the man who will not back up his soldiers with his money a "slacker" also?

F. G. Howland will give a four-minute talk on the second Liberty loan at each performance Wednesday afternoon and evening at the Park and Bijou theatres.

SUES ON FARM TRANSFER

Frank Nichols Claims Property Was Not as Grant Lane Represented.

The jury having been recalled after two weeks at home while supreme court was in session, the first case called for trial in county court Monday afternoon was the case of Frank Nichols vs. Grant A. Lane, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover from the defendant \$2,000 damages, alleged to have been suffered because the defendant misrepresented a farm which he sold to the plaintiff. It was claimed that the farm was sold while the snow was on the ground and that it would not produce the crops claimed by the defendant in making the sale.

The plaintiff and his wife and a Mr. Gridley of Williamstown testified Monday afternoon relative to the value of the farm and the condition it would have been in if it had been what Lane claimed it was when the sale was made. It appears that Mr. Nichols gave his farm and some \$2,500 in exchange for the place bought of Mr. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. McDonald have returned to their home in Beecher Falls, after passing a few days in the city.

FOUND FIRE
IN OWN HOME

After Startin' to Investigate Stran' Reflection in J. Yard

LOSS AT MONTPELIER
PROBABLY \$2,000

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson Had an Exciting Experience

Fire broke out in the house of Fred Nelson on Woodrow avenue, Montpelier, a little after midnight, doing about \$2,000 damage to the property before the fire department, which was called at 12:17, were able to put out the blaze. Mr. Nelson carries about \$1,500 insurance on the house and barn and said after the fire that the insurance would not cover the loss, which was confined mostly to the barn. Mrs. Nelson, who is crippled and in poor health, was taken from the house to the home of William Frenier nearby and later to Heaton hospital. She suffered quite a little from the shock of the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson went to bed about 9 o'clock, leaving an ordinary fire in the kitchen stove; but they do not think it was hot enough to produce a fire about the chimney. That part of the house a little after midnight Mr. Nelson was awakened by what seemed to him rain on the roof. He pulled aside the curtain and then saw that the door yard was all lighted up from a fire somewhere. Going to the kitchen he discovered that the fire was in his own house. Putting on some clothing, he went to the yard calling to his neighbors. In the meantime Mrs. Nelson, although poorly, had called the fire station; but while Chief W. A. Fattée was taking the call the fire alarm was rung from box 58, near the place, by Captain Leroy Hall, who had been awakened by Mr. Nelson's call for help.

The barn was all ablaze at that time and the fire was well under way when the department reached the place. Three streams of water were turned on the building, resulting in saving the main portion of the house, but the ell was gutted and the barn almost completely destroyed, in fact, it will have to be torn down before rebuilding occurs. Much of the furniture was removed from the house. There was a quantity of hay in the barn, which had been recently sold to L. H. Pollard, which was destroyed. The department had the fire under control in about 40 minutes after arrival. The "all out" was rung at 1:50, when Chief Fattée was on his way back to the fire station.

Mrs. Nelson has been poorly all the year, being troubled with her eyesight and with rheumatism, and goes about the house with difficulty, using crutches most of the time. After she had been taken to Mrs. Frenier's house and had rested for a time she was carried in Gen. L. S. Tilton's automobile to Heaton hospital. The fire, although at the extreme southern end of the city, attracted a large crowd.

MORE MEN CERTIFIED